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IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

3. (Amended) The hot plate according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of said resistance element is from 0.5 to 500 μm .

5. (Amended) The hot plate according to claim 1, wherein said insulating substrate is at least one kind selected from a nitride ceramic, a carbide ceramic and a resin.

6. (Amended) The hot plate according to claim 1, wherein said resistance element is made of scaly noble metal powder.